



Vision Cashiers, Inc.

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Hi Brian,

It was good to speak with you today. Your idea to meet with all the commissioners and our group in February is great and we will plan to do that. I think it best to defer meeting in Sylva on January 22nd as we can accomplish much more in our face-to-face session. I'll coordinate the date with Don. We will plan to present to the commissioners what we are trying to do as volunteers to impact the plateau positively.

As a little background, because of the inability to legally incorporate we have formed a volunteer organization to get people to engage a do things. Below is the letter we sent out to get people to engage. (I have added you to our database to receive our information).

We sent it out to as many local people we could identify, about 3,500 area residents. 220 of them have elected to work on the initiatives we identified (37% of them are year round residents). Another 189 asked to be kept informed, many telling us they want to support our efforts. Also, attached is an update of our volunteer progress to date. Added to that, we have created with the Chamber of Commerce a program called **Leadership Cashiers** where we conduct classes to educate promising leaders for the community. Also, we became the managers and directors of the Village Conservancy, a 501c3 public charity. It gives us the ability now to raise charitable dollars to support our initiatives.

We love the Cashiers/ Glenville/Sapphire area. Our concern is that development may expand rapidly. Early this year the NC State Office of USDA-RD approved the funding package for sewer expansion on Highway 64 at Cedar Creek Road. This creates a strong probability for commercial and residential development for the Cashiers/ Sapphire area.

*Over the last year I have worked with other community leaders to try to mobilize others interested in getting involved to assure intelligent growth for the area. We believe people want to get engaged but haven't had a platform to do so. We decided to create that platform and 11 local and seasonal residents agreed to fund the creation of what we called **The Leadership Forum**. In September we became the managers and directors of the Village Conservancy, a public charity that created the Village Green and the Historical Society. We recently decided to rename all of this under the name **Vision Cashiers, Inc** with the mission of “**Improving tomorrow... Today**”*

The 11 founders of this initiative are:

- ***Charlie Tickle-** Chairman of the development company for High Hampton/ resident of Silver Slip Falls*
- ***Louis Freeman-** resident of Chattooga*
- ***Dr. Walter Clark-** resident of Burlingame, member of Country Club of Sapphire Valley & Board chairman of the Highlands Cashiers Hospital Foundation*
- ***Paul Robshaw-** resident of Big Sheepcliff*
- ***Turner Inscocoe-** represents the Gralnicks, owners of the Cashiers Lake development and several other properties in the Cashiers area*
- ***Glenn Ubertino-** resident of Mountain Top and owner of Zollers Hardware*
- ***Jim Poche-** resident of and one of the owners/developers of Chattooga Ridge*
- ***Irv Welling-**resident of Wade Hampton*
- ***Steve Zoukis-** resident at Lake Glenville & major Cashiers property investor*
- ***Sam Lupas-** resident of Stillmont, Board chairman of the Highlands Cashiers Hospital and board member of the Dogwood Health Trust*
- ***Brien Peterkin-** Lonesome Valley, President of High Hampton*

We identified 10 areas of need as follows:

- 1) ***Education-** enhance and improve the quality. Create consensus and collaboration.*
- 2) ***Health and Wellness-** establish greater access and support. Make Cashiers a center of wellness.*

- 3) **Technology-** build access to broadband
- 4) **Community housing-** make it available and affordable for teachers, nurses and full time employees
- 5) **Workforce Development-** create training and build alliances to do so
- 6) **Transportation & Infrastructure-** create and build pedestrian mobility and safety, expand sewer and water availability
- 7) **Culture and entertainment-** improve and expand offerings
- 8) **Natural resources-** protect, increase green space, greenways and inform stewardship
- 9) **Crime prevention-** develop awareness and establish protections
- 10) **Community Plan-** create a long term plan for intelligent growth

The founders of **Vision Cashiers** are undertaking to keep seasonal and year-round residents engaged and informed as to strategic initiatives, issues and progress.

You have two options to choose from:

- 1) Because of your experience in any of these areas, you can participate on one of the 10 taskforces. We are out to get things done.
- 2) Because of your interest in any of these areas, you want to be kept informed of actions being considered or taken.

Please make your choice by opting in and email me (paulrobshaw@me.com), let me know what you would like to do and provide me with your email address and cell phone number. This is purely an opt-in opportunity.

Also, if you know of others who would like to participate, please tell them. There is no obligation by signing up, but we may reach out for your perspective and input from time to time.

This is a major positive for the Cashiers/Sapphire/Glenville area, furthering the enjoyment of our residents and guests as well as enhancing our property values.

Thanks,

Paul

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